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Amendment To The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for deterring duplicate printing of a first image comprising:

receiving a request relating to the first image from a client system;

providing data to the client system for forming at least a portion of a sample image to a portion of a program <u>display</u> window in the client system that is visible to the user, wherein the sample image is of a similar type as the first image; and

providing data to the client system for forming at least a portion of the first image to a portion of the client system program display window that is not visible to the user.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the first image comprises a shipping label having a postage indicia comprising a postage indicia code;

the sample image comprises a sample shipping label having a sample postage indicia;

the client system comprises a web browser application;

the web browser application provides a visible portion of a page for displaying a first frame including the sample image;

the web browser application provides a non visible portion of the page for displaying receiving a second frame including the first image; and the data provided to the client system program is provided by a first web server.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the sample shipping label includes a sample indicator and wherein the web browser application automatically closes the display window within a first period of time after the display window is launched.

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4. (original) The method of claim 2, further comprising: providing formatting instructions to the client system, wherein the formatting instructions prevent user access to the second frame.

- (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 providing formatting instructions to the client system, wherein
 the formatting instructions prevent user access to a non-visible portion of the
 client system program window.
 - 6. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein:

the sample image is an image file using an image file format selected from the group: GIF, BMP, TIFF, JPEG, PIX, PNG and PCX; and

the sample indicator comprises an indication to the user that the label is not valid for postage.

7. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein:

the sample indicator comprises an overlay for obscuring the postage indicia of the sample label.

- 8. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein: the sample image has the same dimensions as the first image.
- (original) The method of claim 1 wherein:
 the sample image comprises the first image and a superimposed sample indicator.
- 10. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

 providing a first logic indicator in the visible portion of the client system program window for receiving an indication of a sample print request; and

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providing a second logic indicator in the visible portion of the client system program window for receiving an indication of a non-sample print request.

11. (previously amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising: receiving at least one indicator from a user indicating whether the non-sample print request was successful.

12. (original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

determining whether the received indicators indicate that a threshold of print failures has been reached; and

if the threshold of print failures has been reached, providing an indication that the print request is invalid.

13. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein:

the first logic indicator and second logic indicator are presented in a second visible frame.

14. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein:

the first image includes image portions obtained from a second web server; and the sample image comprises image portions obtained from a second web server.

- 15. (previously amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the formatting instructions prevent scrolling and resizing of the client system program window, thereby preventing user access to the second frame.
 - 16. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein: the first image comprises a document of value; the sample image comprises a sample document of value; the client system program comprises a web browser application;

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the web browser application provides a visible portion of a page for displaying a first frame including the sample image;

the web browser application provides a non visible portion of the page for displaying receiving a second frame including the first image; and

the data provided to the client system is provided by a first web server.

17. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein

the document of value comprises a document selected from the group: ticket, receipt, article, report, financial instrument and contract.

- 18. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the sample image includes a sample indicator.
 - 19. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the first image comprises a document of value;

the sample image comprises an image related to the document of value;

the client system comprises a web browser application;

the web browser application provides a visible portion of a page for displaying a first frame including the sample image;

the web browser application provides a non visible portion of the page for displaying receiving a second frame including the first image; and

the data provided to the client system is provided by a first web server.

- 20. (original) The method of claim 19 wherein the sample image is a portion of the document of value.
- 21. (original) The method of claim 19 wherein the sample image is an article abstract.
- 22. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

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providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client system program <u>display</u> window that is not visible to the user.

23. (original) The method of claim 2 further comprising: providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client system program window that is not visible to the user.

- 24. (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising: providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client system program window that is not visible to the user.
- 25. (original) The method of claim 19 further comprising: providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client system program window that is not visible to the user.